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On the solution of the conflict in Western Sahara

Dear Members of the Human Rights Council,
Dear Delegates,
Dear Audience

Freedom, democracy and Justice are our guiding starts. As Socialist, Social Democrats and Labour Youth Movements from all around the world, we believe that these rights are non-negotiable. They are universal and should be treated as such in practice whenever and wherever oppression, injustice and lack of democracy exists.

We see in different parts of the world what injustice and oppression are doing to the people in all sides. A circle of hate, conflict and war repeats itself and several generations of youngsters are losing the hope in the future. The humanity does not effort to lose any generation. Conflicts and wars are threat to all people hit by it, as well as the whole humanity.

We need to find solutions to all conflicts. Wars and conflicts are human made constructions and can therefor be solved by humans. Nothing is impossible. But it requires sincere and hard work form all involved parts.

Today we want to stress the importance of finding a solution to the conflict between Western Sahara and Morocco. It is a conflict with a long history, but it needs an urgent response by the international community, as well as all sides of the conflict.

The International Union of Socialist Youth urges to a peaceful solution of the conflict in respect of International Law and Human Rights in the region.

As socialist youth, we believe in the value of democracy, dialogue, cooperation and justice to guarantee freedom, equality and fraternity. We appeal to the international solidarity of the international community and all member states in order to attain a solution that puts an end to a long devastating situation, respecting human rights and providing for the grounds to respect them in the whole region.

Following UN Security Council guidelines, we aim at reaching a peaceful and fair solution that will be permanent and mutually accepted; that provides for the self-determination of Western Sahara in line with the principles established in the UN Charter, with special focus on the responsibility of both sides of the conflict.

We acknowledge the efforts that both sides carri ut to preserve peace, and we support UN Mission to organize a referendum in Western Sahara. The referendum was supposed to take place 1992 to give the Saharawi's the right to decide over their own future, but has not taken place until today.

For a peaceful solution with respect for human rights and democracy, all forces must work more actively and the International Community must make sure that both sides implement the decision taken. Furthermore, we highlight the relevance of having the Security Council performing rigorously in order to preserve peace.